GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1542
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MEDICAL FACILITY TO EX-SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to provide better medical facility to Ex-Servicemen and their dependants was under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of grievances of the servicemen; and

(d) the steps taken to redress their grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1542 11.12.2003

Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme for providing medical facilities to ex-servicemen and their dependents has come into effect from 1st April 2003. The details are given below:

The Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme has been introduced for providing medical facilities to ex-servicemen, war widows and their dependents on the pattern of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).The salient features of the Scheme are as under:

(i) The medical facilities existing at 104 military stations will be augmented at a capital cost of Rs. 49 crores and annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 52 crores.

(ii) Fresh medical facilities in the nature of Armed Forces Polyclinics/medical inspection rooms will be set up at 123 non-military stations where the population of ex-servicemen is more than 2500. This will involve a capital cost of Rs. 69 crores and annual recurring cost of Rs. 98 crores.

(iii) The ex-servicemen, war widows and their dependents at other stations where ex-servicemen population is less than 2500 will be attached to the existing augmented armed forces clinics/medical inspection rooms as mentioned in
(i) above or with armed forces poly-clinics/medical inspection rooms to be created at 123 stations vide
(ii) above.

(iv) The ex-servicemen, war widows and their dependents will also be reimbursed the cost of medicines not provided by the armed forces poly-clinics/medical inspection rooms, fee of the specialists to whom they are referred to, the charges of laboratories for pathological or other diagnostic tests and also the cost of hospitalization. This is estimated to cost Rs. 201 crores annually.

(v) The ex-servicemen and war widows will be required to make a contribution at the same rate at which the Central Government pensioners are required to make contribution for availing medical facilities under the CGHS after retirement.

(vi) The Scheme will be implemented in phased manner in five years.

The grievances of ex-servicemen and servicemen are looked into as and when received. The Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme would provide required medical facilities to Ex-Servicemen.